

# Grace & Peace

A Journey Through The Book of Colossians

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# REVIEW

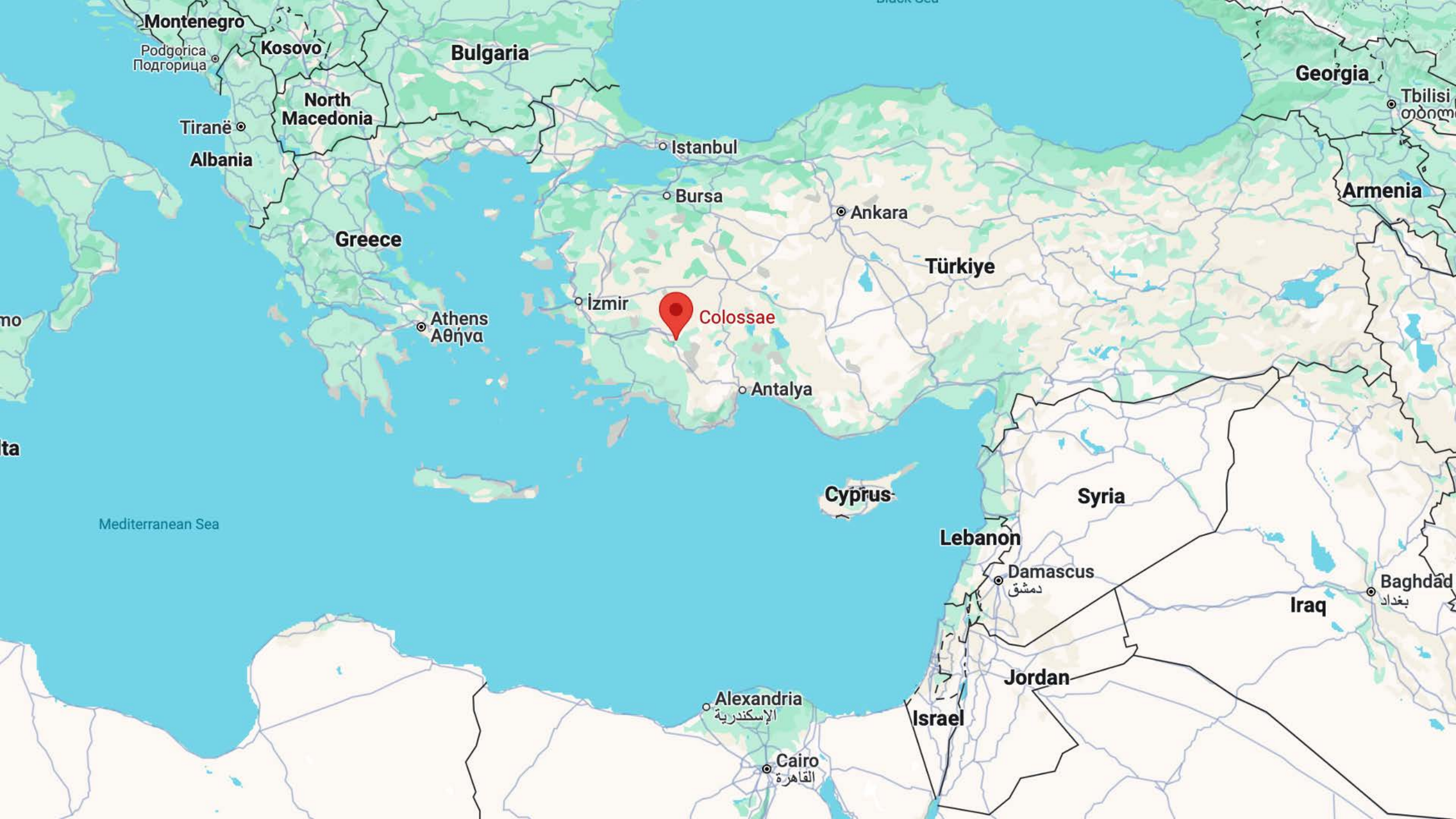
What do you remember?



## Question 1

In what  
modern-day  
nation is Colossae  
located?



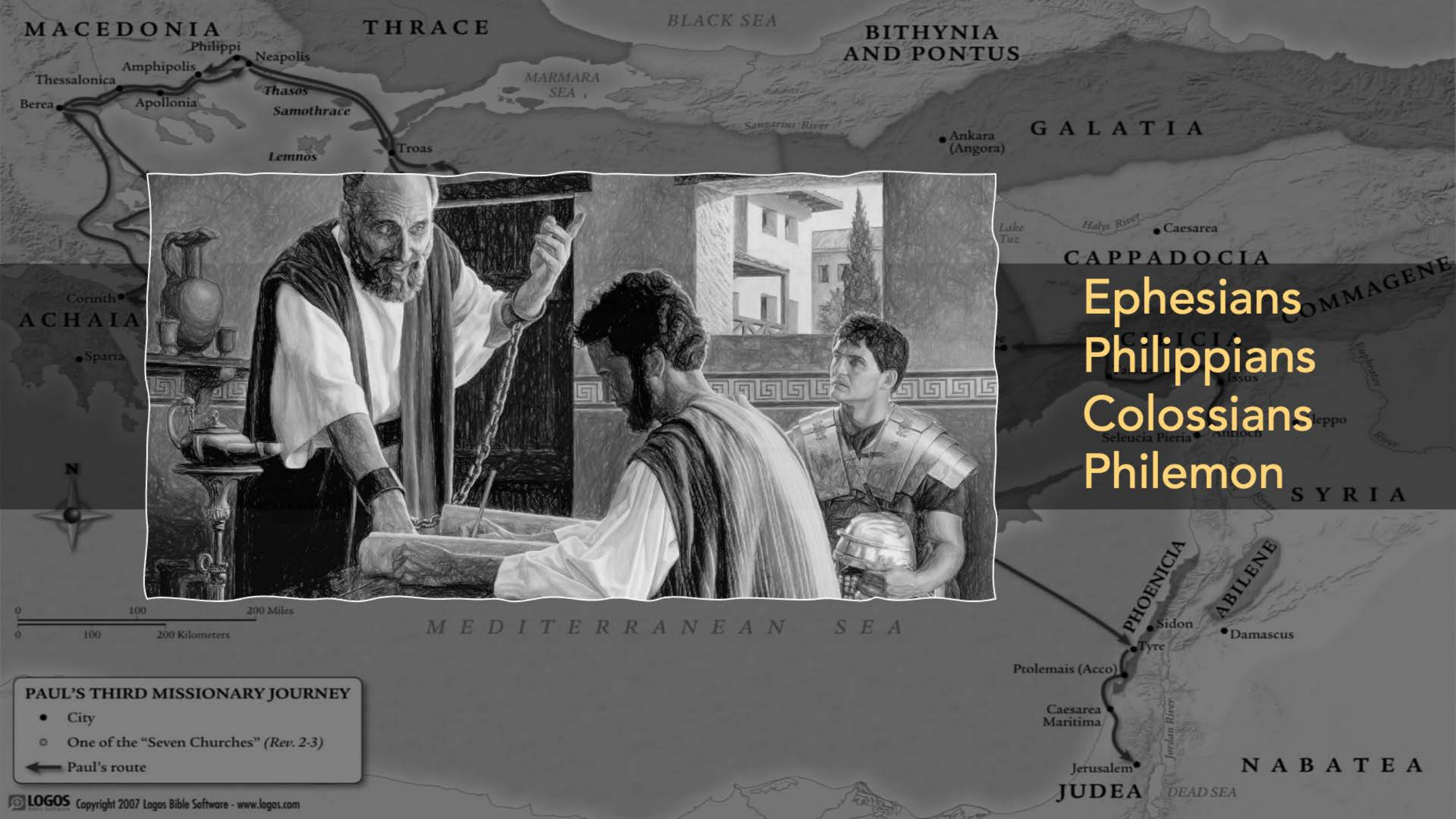




## Question 2

Which epistles  
did Paul write  
from Prison?





# Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon

## PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- ← Paul's route



### Question 3

What are the two legs  
of the Christian walk  
that Paul wanted  
the Colossians  
to experience?



GRACE



PEACE





~~GRACE~~  
Judaizers



~~PEACE~~  
Paganism

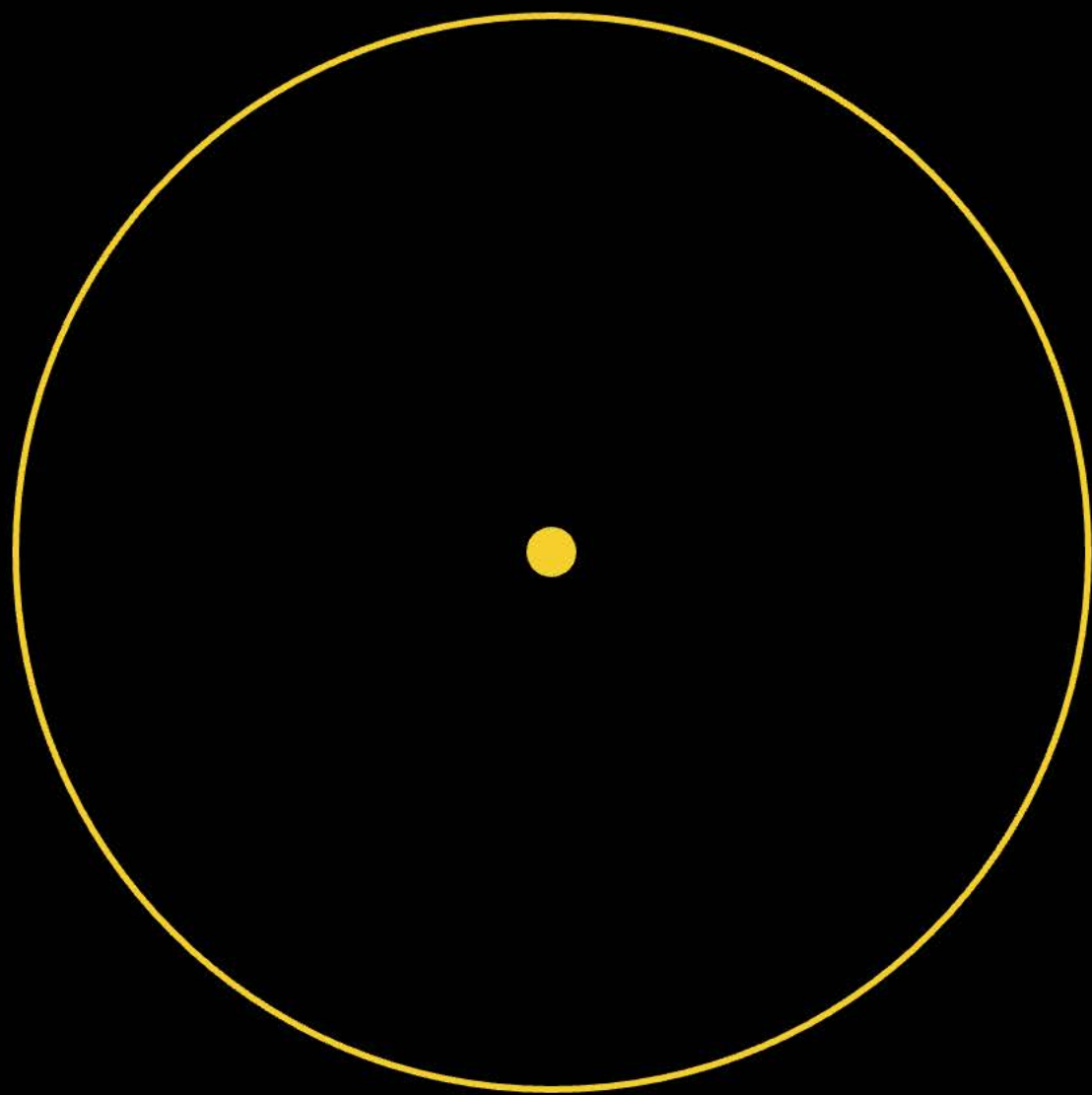




Session 2

# JESUS REFRAMED











# PROBLEM

What struggles were the Colossians facing?

# JESUS+

(Judaizers – Paganism)





# JESUS.

(True Christianity)



## COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

2:1 I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally.





## COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> I want them to be encouraged  
and knit together by strong ties of love.  
I want them to have complete confidence  
that they understand God's mysterious plan,  
which is Christ himself.



## COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> In him lie hidden  
all the treasures of wisdom  
and knowledge.



## COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

...<sup>6</sup> And now, just as you accepted  
Christ Jesus as your Lord,  
you must continue to follow him.  
<sup>7</sup> Let your roots grow down into him,  
and let your lives be built on him.





## COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

Then your faith will grow strong  
in the truth you were taught,  
and you will overflow with thankfulness.



## COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.



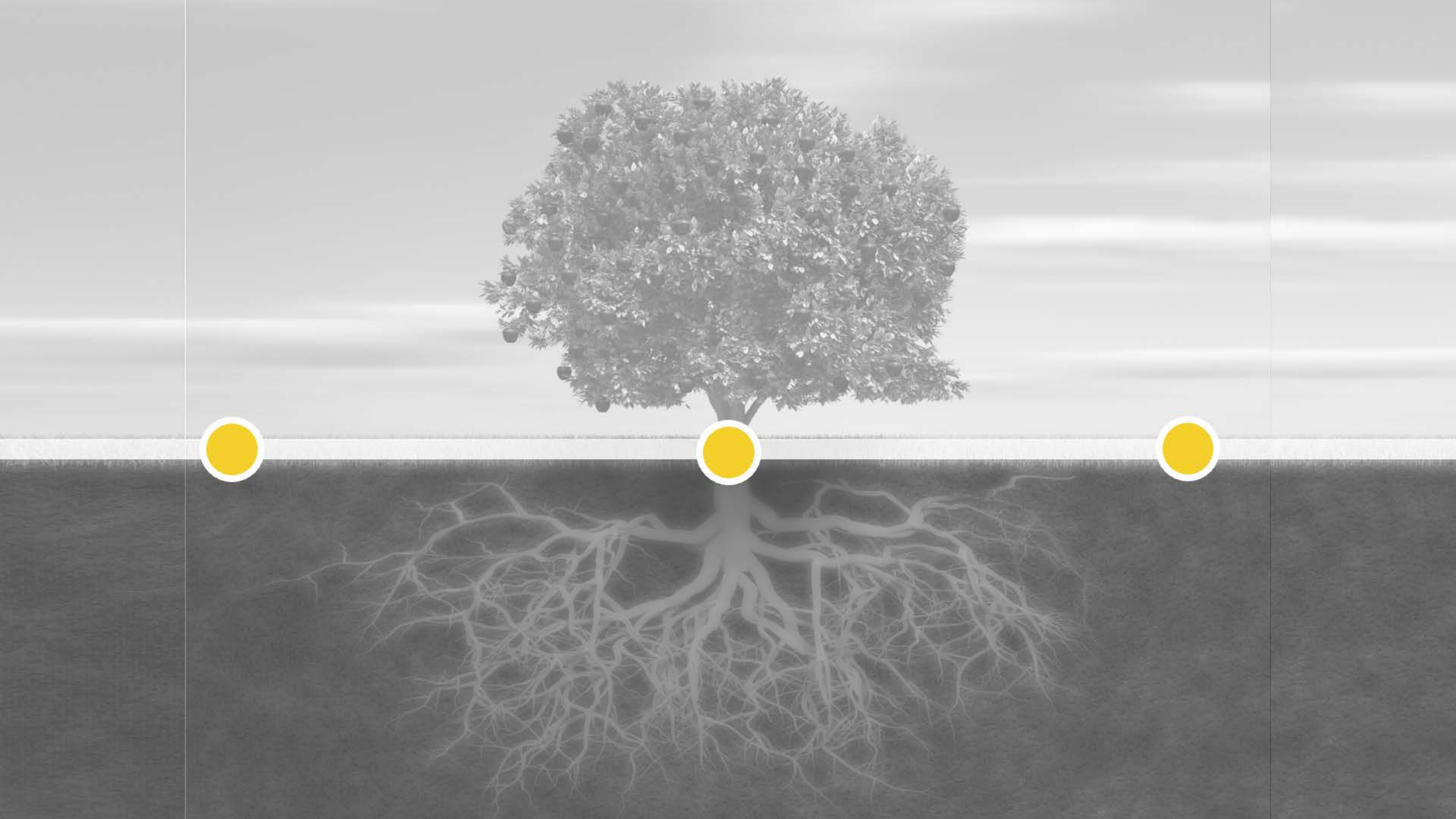














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(Docetism)  
1st Century





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**Not God**  
(Arianism)  
4<sup>th</sup> Century



## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Because God's children are human beings  
—made of flesh and blood—  
the Son also became flesh and blood.





## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

For only as a human being could he die,  
and only by dying could he break the power  
of the devil, who had the power of death.



## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he set free  
all who have lived their lives  
as slaves to the fear of dying.





## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham.





## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God.



## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

Then he could offer a sacrifice  
that would take away the sins of the people.



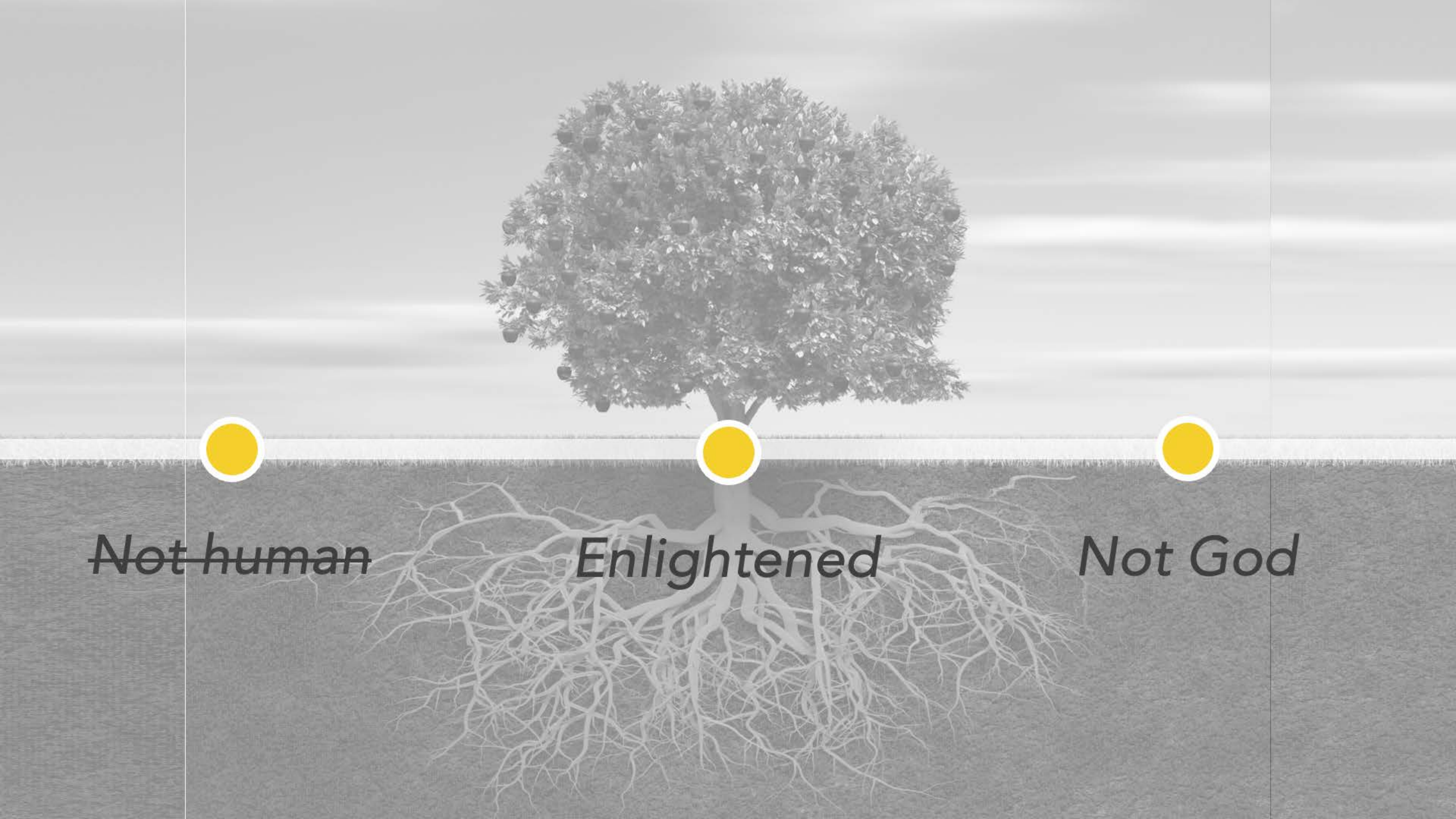


## HEBREWS 2 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.



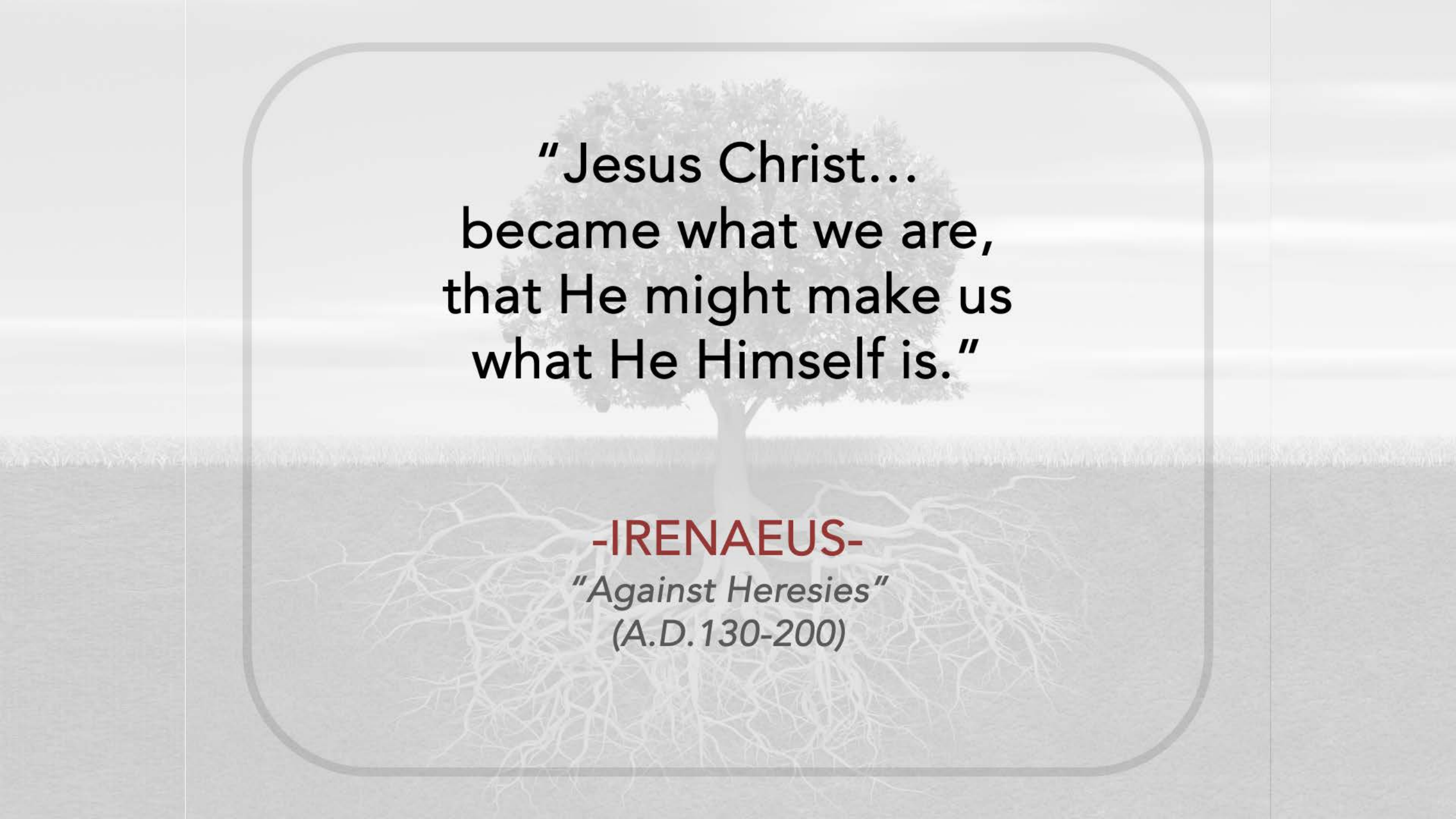




~~Not human~~

Enlightened

Not God

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"Jesus Christ...  
became what we are,  
that He might make us  
what He Himself is."

**-IRENÆUS-**

*"Against Heresies"*  
(A.D. 130-200)



ISAIAH 43 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup>... There is no other God;  
there never has been,  
and there never will be.

<sup>11</sup> I, yes I, am the Lord,  
and there is no other Savior.



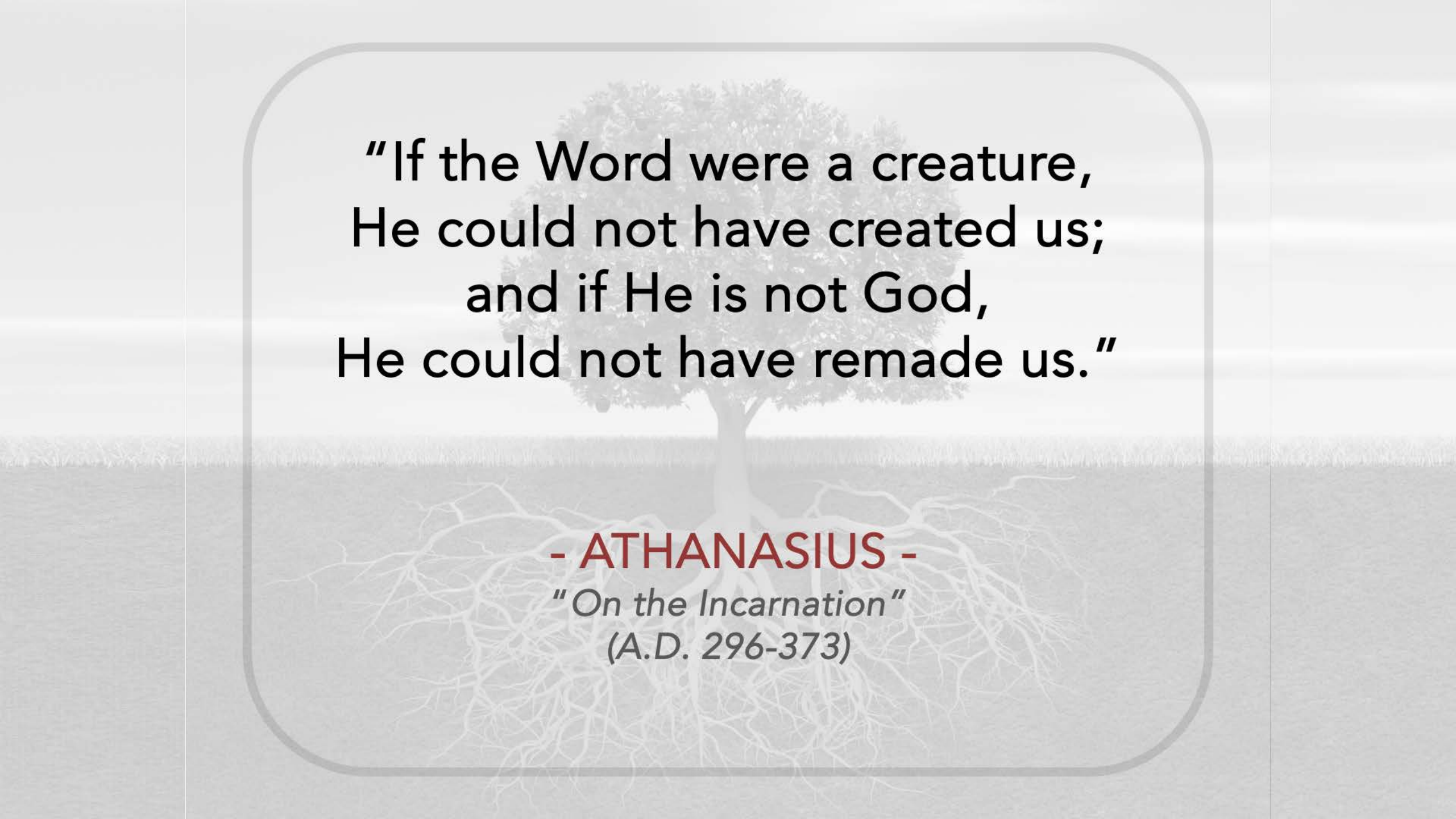


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~~Not God~~





"If the Word were a creature,  
He could not have created us;  
and if He is not God,  
He could not have remade us."

- **ATHANASIUS** -

*"On the Incarnation"*  
(A.D. 296-373)



# FOUNDATIONS

What did Paul teach the Colossians about Jesus?

PAUL'S THOUGHTS ON JESUS: A STUDY IN THE COLLOSSIANS

By J. H. W.

A Study of the "Gospel of the Church" (Col. 1:1-2)

London: The Westminster Press, 1912

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# Jesus is God



COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Christ is the visible image  
of the invisible God.





# Jesus is the Creator



PAUL'S TRIP TO ANTIOCH AND BEYOND  
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## COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

He existed before anything was created  
and is supreme over all creation,  
<sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything  
in the heavenly realms and on earth.





## COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

He made the things we can see  
and the things we can't see—  
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and  
authorities in the unseen world.



## COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else,  
and he holds all creation together.





DID YOU KNOW?



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Πρωτόκτιστος = first created



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# Jesus is the Lord





## COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> Christ is also the head of the church,  
which is his body.



## COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

He is the beginning,  
supreme over all who rise from the dead.  
So he is first in everything.





# Jesus is Savior



PAUL'S THIRDS JOURNEY THROUGH ASIA MINOR

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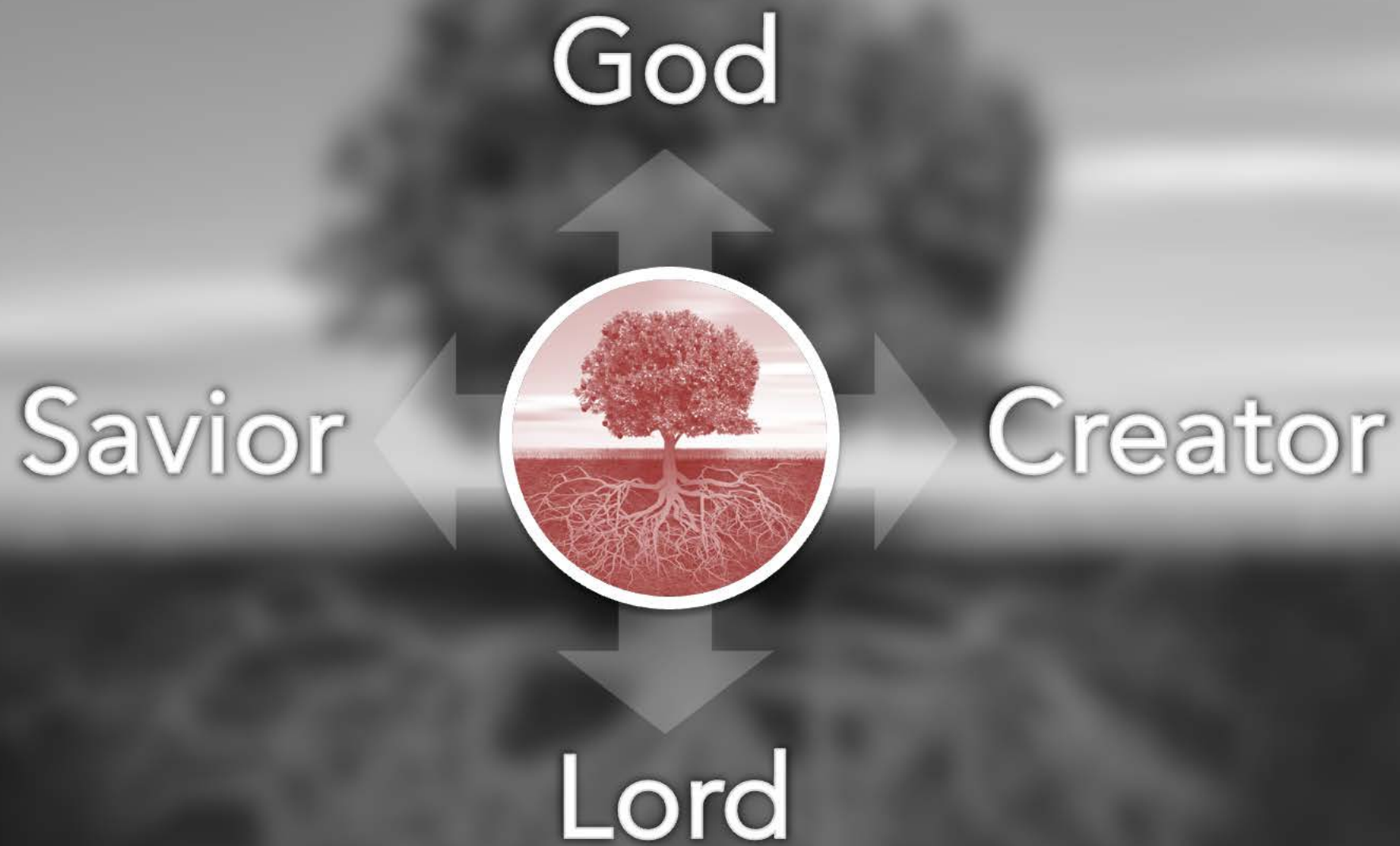
<sup>19</sup> For God in all his fullness  
was pleased to live in Christ,



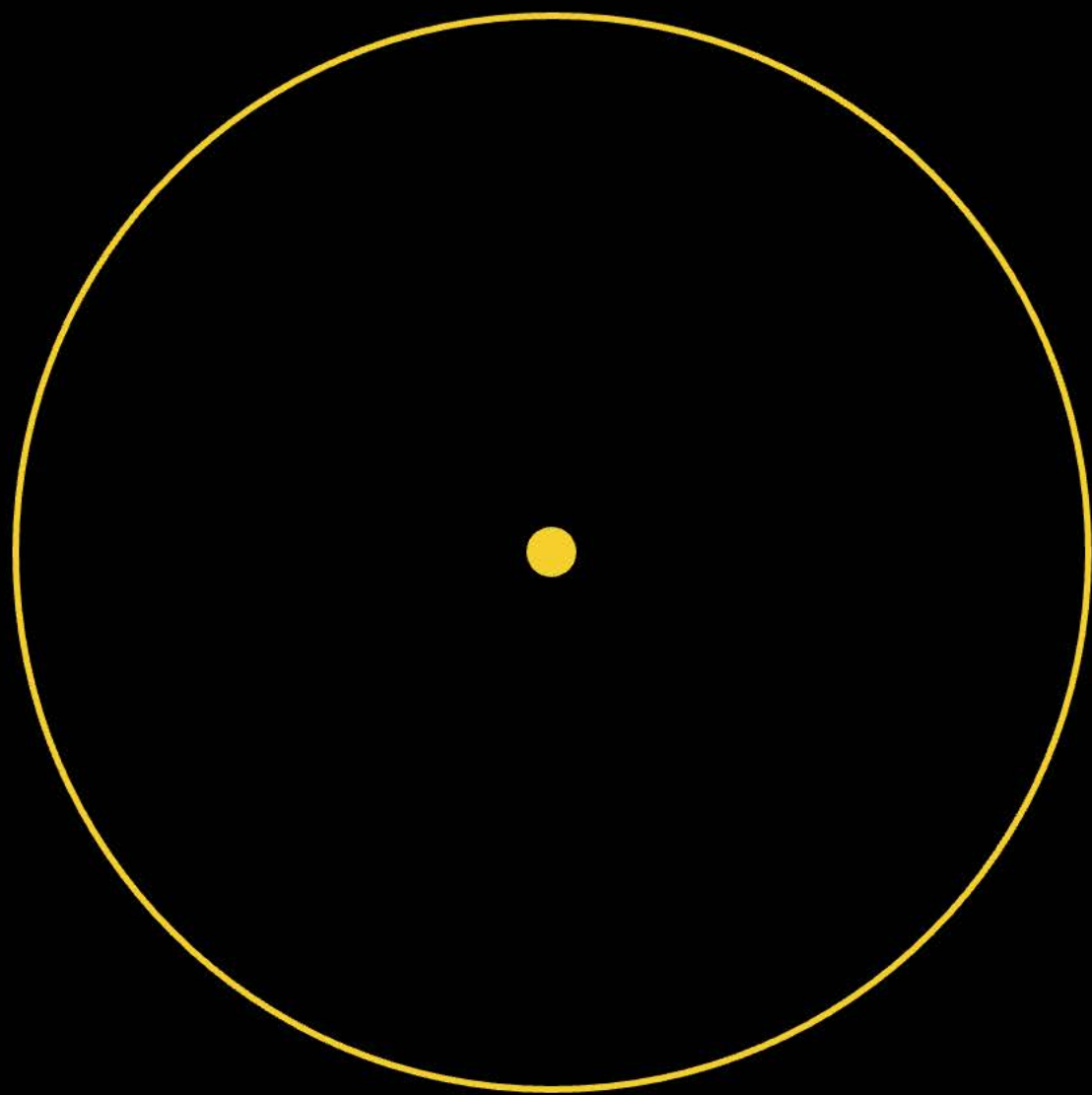
## COLOSSIANS 1 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself.  
He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.











# IMPLICATIONS

Is Jesus the Center of your Universe?



# SEEK JESUS

FIRST IMPLICATION





# BLAISE PASCAL

French Scientist and Philosopher

(1623–1662)

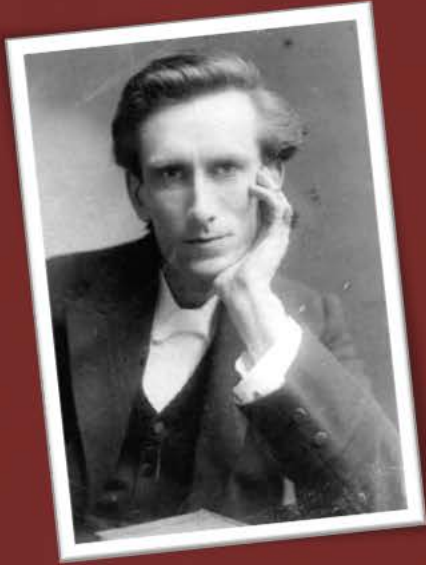
“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

*(Pensées)*

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# LOVE JESUS

SECOND IMPLICATION



# Oswald Chambers

Scottish Pastor and Teacher

(1874–1917)

"The greatest competitor  
of devotion to Jesus  
is the service we do  
for Him."

(My Utmost for His Highest, October 21)





# REST IN JESUS

THIRD IMPLICATION



# Corrie Ten Boom

Dutch Author and Holocaust Survivor

(1892-1983)

"You may never know  
that Jesus is all you need,  
until Jesus is all you have."

(Tramp for the Lord)



- Personal Question -

**Who is the center  
of your universe?**





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GOD  
CREATOR  
LORD  
SAVIOR